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Senior Joint Information Operations Applications Course

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Overview

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- History of IO Education
- Why a Joint Senior IO Course?
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Objective

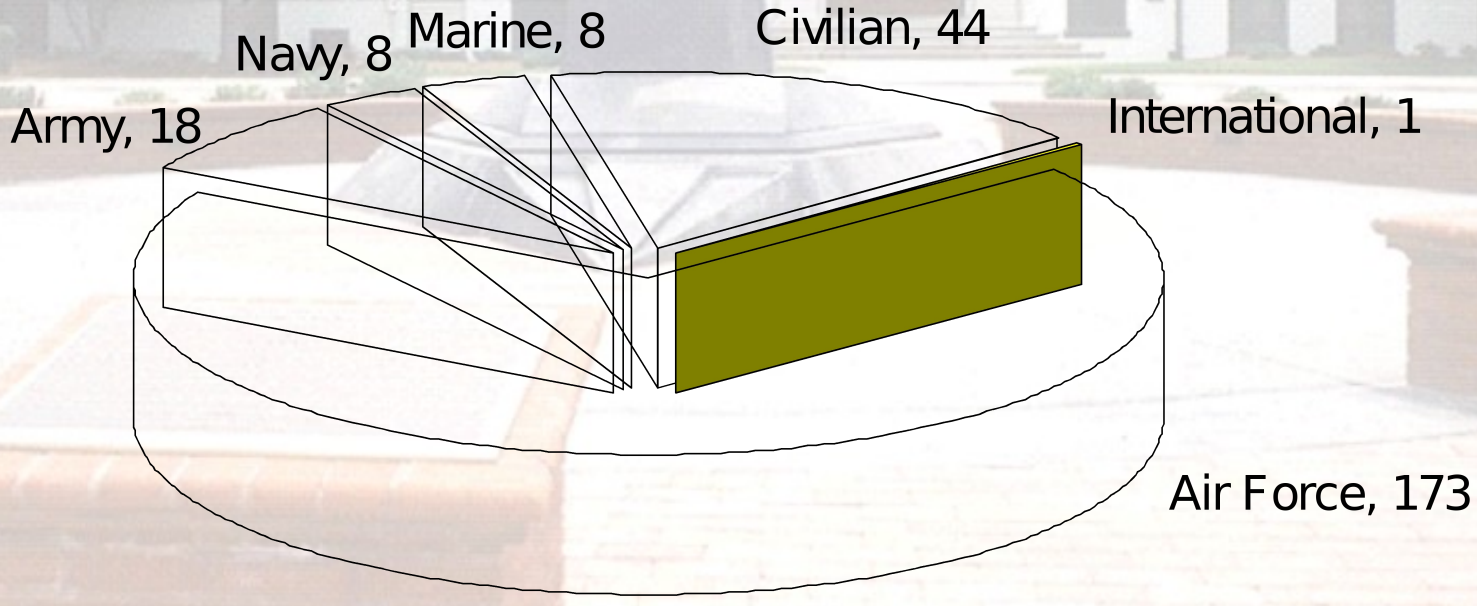
- Garner Working Group support for course incorporation into OPMEP
  - MOU coordination complete and in force

Course Purpose

- Demonstrate how current IO operational capabilities can be integrated into the joint campaign
- Course emphasizes IO ***applications***
  - SAP-level instruction on joint:
    - Capabilities
    - Tools
    - Integration

History of AU IO Education

- 1994 – Information Warfare (IW) Summit
  - CSAF directs creation of flag IW course
- 1997 – First course
  - Content matured as doctrine has
  - Curriculum has always had a joint focus
- 1998 – First inter-service attendees



Why a Joint Senior level IO Course? Developing a Common Understanding

Develop America's Airmen Today ... for Tomorrow

- IO increasing part of diplomacy and warfare
- Operationalizes education elements of SECDEF IO Roadmap
- Leverage each services unique IO capabilities
- Formalize IO warfighting education similar to component and JTF courses
- Formalize method/means of curriculum

"Developing IO into a warfighting capability that will enable Combatant Commanders to target adversary decision-making while protecting our own." ***-- Sec.***

Developing IO into a Warfighting Capability – How We Do It

- 4 day course offered twice per year
  - 18 flag level attendees and a Senior Mentor
- Course Methodology:
  - Informal lecture
  - Interactive seminar discussions
  - Demonstrations
- Speakers: senior national-level civilian and military leaders from national agencies and COCOMs
  - Presentations up to TS/SCI
  - Course facility is a SCIF and cleared to program level

Current Status and Way Ahead

- MOU finalized with all Service schools
- Planning and coordination for next course in progress
  - Execute first formal Joint course 6-9 Nov 06
- Incorporate course into OPMEP
  - Listed as part of the education continuum
  - JLA's drafted for incorporation
- Address CJCS JPME SAE's

Questions

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